GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5551
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
SUPPLY OF TIMBER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director General Ordnance Services made a payment of Rs. 2.23 crore for 3650 cubic meter of timber to Nagaland Industrial Raw Material and Supply Corporation, Dinapur during 1993-96 but the timber was never supplied;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into and guilty officials brought to book; and

(c) if so, the present status of the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5551 FOR 2.5.2002

Based on indents placed by Directorate General of Ordnance Services (DGOS), the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D) placed two purchase orders for a total quantity of 11,240 cubic meters of timber, 5240 cubic meters under purchase order No. TP/2/1466,dated 1st May 1991 and 6000 cubic meters under Purchase Order No. TP/2/1472, dated 10th June 1991 on M/s Nagaland Industrial Raw Materials and Supply Corporation Limited (NIRMSC) Dimapur, Nagaland (a State Government Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) for supply of Khasipine Grade ITimber required by various Army Ordnance Depots for manufacture of packing cases.

2. Timbers are procured by concluding a Memorandum of Understanding with State Governments - Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland. In all these cases, the payments were made in advance and subsequently, adjusted as and when supplies are made. Being purchases from a State Government Undertaking, this payment procedure was adopted.The entire quantity of 11,240 cubic meters was accepted in inspection and NIRMSC got full payment for the same.The PSU supplied quantity 7591 cubic meters only against an order of 11,240 cubic meters of timber. The balance quantity though inspected could not be despatched due to unforeseen circumstances viz., flood in North East, booking restrictions and conversion of Railway line from meter gauge to broad gauge.

3. Directorate General of Supply & Disposal is making continuous efforts for the refund of the excess amount paid to the PSU for the unsupplied quantity. Discussions were held with the Government of Nagaland by the Director General of Supply & Disposal to refund the excess payment.